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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 10/766,593 Confirmation No: 3879
Applicant : Berthold Berens et al.
Filed : January 28, 2004
Title : Punching and Scoring Backing Plate, Method for Producing the
Backing Plate, Machine Equipped with the Backing Plate and
Method for Punching and Scoring with the Backing Plate
Art Unit : 3724
Examiner : Phong H. Nguyen
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Customer No. : 24131

R E S P O N S E

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 16, 2005, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect the group I restriction, claims 1-4, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the device claims of group IV-VI at a later date.

Applicants request a rejoinder of the method claims of groups II, V and VI under MPEP §821.04.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-4 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

For Applicants

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